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Hunt's dissertation on the Preparation and preservation of Tissues; Mr. Joseph Zentmayer's discourse upon Erectors and a new Erecting prism; Dr Jas. Tyson's article on Urinary microscopy, and his interesting oral communication upon Practical Histology in Germany; and Dr. Jos. G. Richardson's papers on Certain Human Parasitic Fungi, and their relations to disease, and upon a new method of preserving Tumors and some urinary deposits during transportation.

Discussions upon the various subjects thus brought under the consideration of the members, have been remarkable for their unusually practical and useful character; indeed, so eminent have they appeared in this respect, that reports of our proceedings have always been warmly welcomed by the Editors of The Philadelphia Medical Times, in whose interesting columns they, as well as several of the papers read before the Section, have from time to time been published.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOS. G. RICHARDSON, *Recorder*.

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#### REPORT OF CONSERVATOR OF CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Conservator of the Conchological Section respectfully reports that the donations to the Cabinet, during the past year, have been as follows:—

BEADLE, Rev. E. R. *Helix Schrammi*, from St. Martins, W. I.

BLAND, THOS. *Bulimus aureolus*, from West Indies.

CONRAD, T. A. *Ancylus*, from Trenton, N. J., and twenty-seven species of *Unionidæ*, from the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C., determined for the Section by Mr. Lea.

DALL, W. H. Nine species of *Acmæa*, types of new species.

GABB, WM. M. Small collection of terrestrial and marine mollusca, from St. Domingo.

JEWETT, Col. E. Two species, from Charlotte Harbor, Fla.

NEWCOMB, W. *Carelia extincta*, n. s. from Sandwich Islands.

PENNOCK, Mrs. CAROLINE. Egg-cases of *Fusus Islandicus*, *Purpura lapillus*, from Isle of Shoals, off Portsmouth, N. H.

PEASE, W. HARPER. Six species of marine mollusca, from Central Pacific Ocean, types.

SUMMICHRAST, Dr. Species of *Cylindrella*, from near Tehuantepec.

YARROW, Dr. H. C. A small collection of marine shells, from Fort Macon, N. C.

Forty-four species of West Indian *Helices*, new to the collection, were purchased from Mr. Thos. Bland.

Thirty-eight species not heretofore in the collection of the Academy, from the Island of Mauritius, were presented by the following gentlemen: Wm. S. Vaux, 13 species; Isaac Lea, 5; Wm. M. Gabb, 5; Benj. Smith Lyman, 4; S. R. Roberts, 2; Chas. F. Parker, 5; and Geo. W. Tryon, Jr., 4.

The Committee on the arrangement of the Collection have been working industriously, and report that during the year the arrangement of the Land and Fresh-water shells has been completed, as well as that of the *Nerites*, *Neretinas*, *Harps*, *Astartes*, *Carditas*, and a portion of the *Veneridæ*. The amount of work done exceeds that of any previous year, as the following statement will show: Number of species determined during 1872, 2862; number of labels written, 4898; number of specimens cleaned and mounted, 19,932. The total number of species determined by the Committee to date is 6893; total number of labels written, 12,067; total number of specimens mounted, 40,873.

Our system of exchange has been during the past year discontinued, in consequence of the great and increasing difficulty of obtaining desiderata except by purchase. This is owing to the nearly complete condition of many portions of the collection. It may be mentioned, as an illustration of this fact, that out of 913 species recently received for examination from the Island of Mauritius, but thirty-eight species, reported above, could be found new to the collection.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. NOLAN, *Conservator*.

At an adjourned meeting held January 7, 1873, the following were elected members: Chas. Macalester, Wm. B. Bement, Richard H. Townsend, M.D., Wm. Logan Fox, Dr. Chas. A. Siegfried, U.S.N., and Mrs. Caroline Pennock.

Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., was elected a Correspondent.

The election of Officers, for the year 1873, was held in accordance with the By-Laws, with the following result:—

<i>President</i>	. . .	W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M.D.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	. .	Wm. S. Vaux, Jos. Carson, M.D.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	.	Samuel B. Howell, M.D.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>		Edward D. Cope.
<i>Librarian</i>	. . .	Edward J. Nolan, M.D.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . .	Wm. C. Henszey.
<i>Curators</i>	. . .	Jos. Leidy, M.D., Wm. S. Vaux, Geo. W. Tryon, Jr., Edward D. Cope.
<i>Council</i>	. . .	Isaac Lea, Robt. Bridges, M.D., Edward S. Whelen, Isaac Hays, M.D.
<i>Publication Committee</i>	.	Jos. Leidy, M.D., Wm. S. Vaux, Geo. W. Tryon, Jr., Edward J. Nolan, M.D., W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M.D.

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#### ELECTIONS FOR 1872.

The following are the names of Members and Correspondents of the Academy of Natural Sciences elected during the year 1872.

##### MEMBERS.

*April 30.*—Dr. G. Stiles, Passmore Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield H. Moore, Alfred D. Jessup, Wm. F. Miskey, Wm. G. Freedly, F. B. Gowan, E. Burd Grubb, Thos. R. Duglison, M.D., John Thompson.

*May 28.*—Jos. W. Miller, D. Shepherd Holman, P. P. Morris, Joseph H. Ogden, Joseph E. Gillingham, Dr. T. M. Drown.

*September 24.*—Jas. C. Rea, M.D., Sarah P. Monks, John Doyle,